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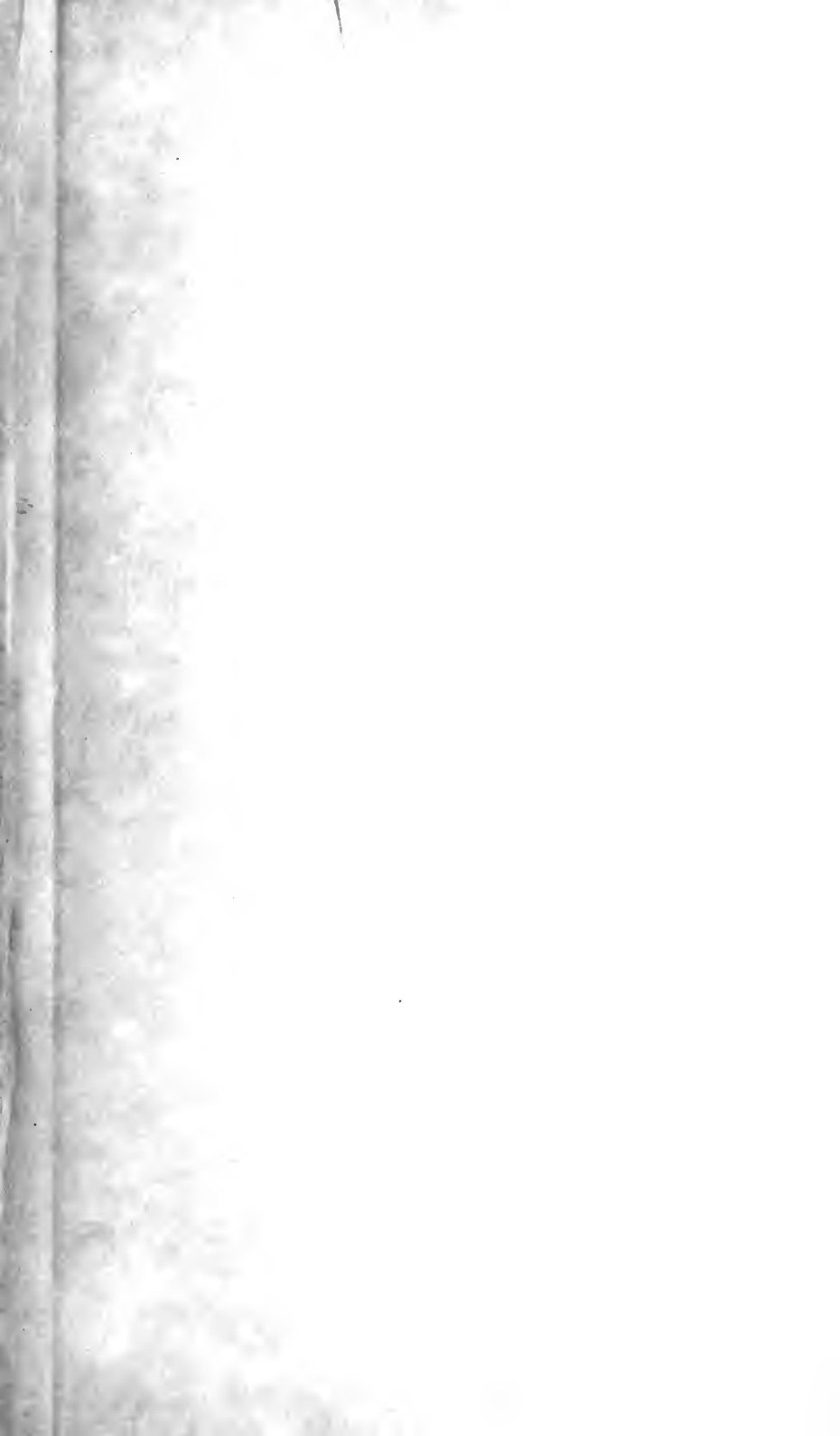
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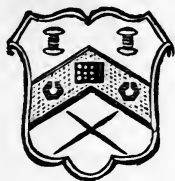
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CHARTER.

William and Mary by the Grace of God King and Queene of England Scotland France and Ireland Defenders of the Faith &c. To all to whome these presents shall come Greeting. WHEREAS our well-beloved subjects who exercise the Trade of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers in and about our City of London and are Freemen of the same have by their Petition Humbly besought us That for the better Regulation Encouragement and Improvement of the said Trade and preventing abuses therein WEE would be Gratiously pleased to Incorporate them And to grant them certain Priviledges and Imunities for the purpose aforesaid. AND Wee being graciously pleased to condescend to their request.

KNOW YEE therefore That Wee of our especiall Grace certain knowledge and meer motion Have Willed Ordained Constituted and Granted. And by these presentes for us our Heires and Successors Doe Will Ordaine Constitute and Grant That the Ffreemen of the said Trade Art and Mistery and all others *that now doe or that shall hereafter Exercise* the Trade Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe *within the Cities of London and Westminster the Burrough of Southwark and all other Places within Thirty Miles distance from the same* shall be from henceforth for ever one Body Corporate and Politique in Deed fact and name. By the name of Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty of the Art and Mistery of Drawing and Fflatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in our Citty of London And them by the name of *Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty of the Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in our Citty of London* One body Politique and Corporate in Deed Ffact and Name. Wee doe for us our Heires and Successors fully and really Erect Create Constitute Ordeyne Declare make and establish by these presents. AND that by the same Name they shall have Succession for ever and that they and their Successors by the Name of Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty of the Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in our City of London may and shall be at all times hereafter persons able and Capable in Law To purchase have receive and enjoy Mannors Messuages Lands Tenements Liberties priviledges Jurisdictions Ffranchises and other Hereditaments of whatsoever nature sort or kind they shall bee to them and their Successors in Ffee and perpetuity or for Term of Life, Lives, Yeares or otherwise howsoever. And also all manner of Goods Chattells and things whatsoever they be And also to give grant Demise alien and dispose

Incorporation.

Area over which
incorporation
extends.

The Title of the
Company.

License to hold
Lands, &c.

Short Title.	<p>of any Mannors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments Goods and Chattells and likewise to doe and Execute all and Singular other Lawfull Acts and things whatsoever by the name aforesaid. AND that by the Name of Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty of the said Art and Mistery they and their Successors shall and may plead and be impleaded Answer and be answered unto Defend and be defended in all Courts and places and before any Judges or Justices and other persons and officers of us our Heires and Successors in all Actions Suites and Demandes of what Kind Quality or sort soever they shall be in as ample manner and forme as any other of our Loveing subjects and people of this our Realme of England being persons able and capable in the Law or any other Body Corporate and Politique within this our Realme of England can or may have purchase receive possesse enjoy reteyne give grant demise alien dispose or Assigne implead or be impleaded Answer or be answered unto defend or be defended doe performe or execute AND that the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors shall and may for ever hereafter have a Comon Seale to serve for all causes and Businesses of them and their Successors AND that it shall and may be lawfule for them and their Successors to alter and make new the said Seale from time to time at their Wills and pleasures when and as often as they shall think fitt.</p>
To have a Common Seal.	<p>AND FURTHER Wee Will and ordaine and by these presents for us our Heires and Successors doe give and Grant unto the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the greater part of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens to be one</p>
Power to choose a Master and four Wardens.	<p>to Assemble themselves and meet together and keep Court from time to time at their Hall or some other Convenient place within our City of London or Liberties thereof AND that then and there they shall and may Elect and Choose one of the said Society in manner and forme hereafter in these presents mentioned who shall be and shall be called the Master of the said Company and that likewise then and there they shall and may elect and choose ffour of the said Company in manner and forme hereafter mentioned who shall be and shall be called Wardens of the said Company.</p>
Meeting of Court.	<p>AND also then and there they shall and may elect and choose in manner and forme hereafter in these presents Expressed Ffour and twenty of the said Company besides the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being who shall be and shall be</p>
Choice and number of first assistants.	<p>called the Assistants of the said Company who from time to time shall be Ayding helping Counselling and Assisting to the Master and Wardens of the said Company in all Causes matters and things touching or concerning the said Company Which said</p>
Duty of Assistants.	<p>Master Wardens and Assistants shall Continue in their said severall Offices for and dureing the respective times hereafter Limited un-</p>
Duration of offices of Master, Wardens, and Assistants.	

es removed for Just Cause It being our Will and pleasure And Wee doe Ordayne for us our Heires and Successors That the said Master Wardens or Assistants by the greater part of them may for just and reasonable Cause be removed from time to time.

For just cause
they may be
removed.

AND for the better Executing this our Grant in that behalfe Wee have assigned Constituted and made And by these presents for us our Heires and Successors Doe assigne Constitute and make our beloved Subject Nathaniel Smith Citizen and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawer of London to be the first and present Master of the said Company to Continue in the said Office from the day of the date of these presents untill the thirtyeth day of December which shall be in the Yeare of our Lord One thousand Six Hundred Nynety and two if hee shall soe long live And from thenceforth untill another fitt person of the said Company shall be named Chosen and Sworne into the Office of Master of the said Company in due manner according to the Ordinances and provisions hereafter in these presents mentioned and Expressed. Hee the said Nathaniel Smith first takeing his Corporall Oath before our Trusty and well-beloved Sir Thomas Pilkington Knight Lord Maior of our City of London, Or the Lord Maior of our said Citty for the time being to Execute the said Office rightly well and faithfully in all things touching the same and also such other Oathes and in such manner as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme are required. To which said Lord Maior now and for the time being Wee doe hereby give power and Authority to Administer the said Oath or Oaths accordingly.

The first Master
of the Company.

AND WEE DOE further direct require and Command That every person and persons that at any time hereafter shall be named and Chosen to the said place of Master of the said Company after the expiration of his time shall before he be admitted to the Execution of his said Office take the aforesaid Oaths before the last precedent Master and Wardens or any three of them. And every person Chosen Master upon the death or just removall of another Master shall take the aforesaid Oaths before the Wardens for the time being or any two of them. To which said Master and Wardens for the time being or any three of them or two of the said Wardens according as the case shall happen Wee doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors give full power and authority to Administer the said Oath and Oaths from time to time according to the Tenor and true meaneing of these presents AND alsoe Wee have Assigned Constituted and made And by these presents for us our Heires and Successors doe Assigne Constitute and make our well-beloved Subjects Henry Scatchliffe Thomas Wright Jacob Shelldrake and Richard Andrews to be the first and present Wardens of the said Company And that they Continue in their said Offices untill the said Thirtyeth day of December which shall be in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand

Oath of Master
(Before whom
taken).

Who are the
first Wardens.

six hundred Nynety and two and from thenceforth untill other fitt persons shall be elected and and Sworne Wardens of the said Company according to the Tenor and meaneing of thes presents they the said Henry Scatcliffe, Thomas Wright Jacob Sheldrake and Richard Andrews first taking their Coporall Oaths before the said Nathaniel Smith well and truely to execute the said Office in all things touching the same as also such other Oaths as by the Lawes and Statutes of this our Realme are required.

Power given to the first Master to administer the Oaths to the Wardens.

To which said Nathaniel Smith Wee doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors give full power and Authority to administer the said Oaths accordingly AND Wee doe further direct require and Comand that every person and persons that at any time hereafter shall be named and chosen to the said place of Warden or Wardens of the said Company shall before he or they be admitted to the Execution of the said Office take the aforesaid oaths before the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being or the Greater Number of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one To

Oath of Wardens (Before whom taken).

which said Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being or the Greater Number of them as aforesoid Wee doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors Give full power and authority to administer the said Oaths from time to time according to the tenor and true meaneing of these presents AND also wee have assigned Named Constituted and appoynted And by these presents for us our Heires and Successors doe assigne name Constitute and appoint our beloved subjects William Newbery, Peter Ffloyer, Thomas Woods, Zachary Hickcox, Thomas Jett, Thomas Bracee, Henry Southhouse, Robert Rhodes, Joseph Tucker, William Wastfield, Ffrancis Smartfoot, William Cousens, John Ffeild, Robert Rouse, Christopher Blower, Joseph Horsley, Job Harris, Samuell Parratt, John Ffisher, Samuel Harridge, William Swift, Daniel Biddle, Henry Lovelace, and Daniel Ffeild to be the present Assistants of the said Company to continue in the said Office of Assistants dureing their severall and respective Lives under the Conditions and Lymittations aforesaid They and every of them first takeing their Corporall Oathes before the said Master and Wardens herein

The first Assistants.

named or any three of them well rightly and faithfully to execute the said Office of Assistant in and by all things respectively touching and concerning the same and also such other Oathes as by the Lawes and Statutes of this our Realme are required To which said present Master and Wardens or any three of them as aforesaid Wee doe hereby for us our heires and Successors Give full power and authority to Administer the said Oaths accordingly.

The First Assistants to be sworn before the Master and Wardens.

AND our will and pleasure is that the said Nathaniel Smith herein before Nominated and appoynted the present Master of the said Company and the said Henry Scatcliffe, Thomas Wright, Jacob Sheldrake and Richard Andrews herein before Nominated and appoynted the present Wardens of the said Company at the determination of their respective Offices of Master and Wardens shall be the Senior Assistants of the said Company to Continue

The first Master and Wardens at the expiration of their several offices to be Senior Assistants.

in the said respective Offices of Assistants during such time and to be removeable as above is expressed first taking the Oath of an Assistant of the said Company and such other Oaths as by law are required in manner and forme herein before expressed.

AND Wee Will and by these presents for us our Heires and Successors doe Grant unto the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the Greater part of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens to be one shall from time to time for ever hereafter have full power and Authority yearly and every yeare upon the Thirtieth day of December or within ffourteen daies after to Nominate and Choose out of the then Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company ffive persons one of whom shall be and shall be called Master of the said Company and the other ffour shall be and shall be called Wardens of the said Company for one whole yeare then next ensuing and from thence untill one other Master and ffour other Wardens shall be in due manner Elected and Sworne.

The time of electing Master and Wardens yearly.

AND FURTHER by these presents for us our Heires and Successors Wee will and grant unto the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors That if it shall happen the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being or any of them at any time within our Yeare after they or any of them be Chosen unto his or their office or offices to dye or be removed from his or their office or offices which said Master and Wardens for just and reasonable cause Wee will shall be as aforesaid from time to time removeable by the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being respectively or the Greater number of them That then and soe often it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Master if not removed and to and for such and soe many of the Wardens and Assistants which shall be then liveing or remaineing or the greater part of them And in case of removeall of the Master then the remaineing Wardens and assistants or the Greater part of them at their Wills and pleasures to choose make and Sweare one or more other or others of such Wardens or Assistants for the time being to be Master Warden or Wardens of the said Company according to the orders and provisions herein Expressed and declared to Execute and exercise the office of Master or Wardens of the said Company untill the Thirtieth day of December then next following and from thence untill a New Election made in manner herein declared into the said offices hee or they first taking his or their Corporall Oath or Oaths in forme herein declared and soe from time to time as the Case shall require. AND it is our Royall Will and pleasure and wee doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors give and Grant unto the said Master Wardens and Assistants and their Successors That they or the major part of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one shall and may from time to time hereafter Elect and Choose in manner and forme

If the Master or Wardens die or be removed others to be chosen.

Power to elect Assistants.

Assistants not
to exceed 36 be-
sides Master and
Wardens.

Oath of Assist-
ants.

13 Members to
form a Quorum.
(Master or 1
Warden to be
present.)

Meet from time
to time.

Power to make
reasonable Acts,
Orders, and
Ordinances.

Punishment and
Reformation of
Abuses.

aforesaid such and so many persons Ffreemen of the said Company to be Assistant and Assistants of the said Company as in their Discretions shall seeme meet soe as the persons soe Elected doe not Increase the Assistants of the said Company to any more than Six and Thirty in Number at any one time besides the Master and Wardens of the said Company Which said person and persons soe to be elected and Chosen Assistants of the said Company shall take such Oath and Oaths as is herein before appoynted before the Master and Wardens or any three of them for the time being To whom We doe by these presents for us our Heires and Successors Give power and authority to Administer the same And shall continue in the said Office of Assistants and shall be removeable from the said Office in such manner and forme as is hereinbefore mentioned touching and concerning the Assistants hereinbefore Appoynted. AND FURTHER Wee will and by these presents for us our Heires and Successors Doe Grant that the said Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being or any Thirteen or more of them (whereof the Master or one of the Wardens to be one) may frome time to time as they shall see Cause Assemble themselves in their Hall or some other place to be by them provided and keep Courts as they shall find Convenient for the Affaires of the said Company And also shall and may have full power and Authority by Virtue of these presents to make Ordeyne Constitute Appoynt and sett downe from time to time such reasonable Acts orders and Ordinances and upon such paines penalties and Amerciaments in writing as to them or any thirteen or more of them (Whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one) shall seem meet and necessary according to their good Discretions As well for and concerning such Oathes as shall be administered to the Master Wardens and Assistants and all and every of the Comonalty of the said Company As for and concerning the said Trade Art and Mistery and the due practise thereof and for the punishment and Reformation of such abuses and decepts as are or shall be practised in the said Trade Art and Mistery and also for the good Rule and Government of the Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty aforesaid and their Successors and all and singular other persons using and exercising the said Trade Art and Mystery or any part thereof within the Cities places and Lymitts aforesaid in all matters and things touching or any ways concerning the same Trade Art and Mystery And the same Laws and Ordinances or any of them to alter change and Annull as the case shall require And for declaration after what manner order and forme the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors and every Member of the said Company shall behave and demeane him and themselves In the exercise of the said Trade Art or Mistery and every part thereof for the Comon Good as well of our owne Subjects as of others that shall have occasion to use the said Wares and for all other matters things and

Causes touching or any ways concerning the said Trade Art and Mistery or the professors or practicers thereof or any part thereof And for the punishment of all persons within the Lymitts and places aforesaid that shall use the said Art or Trade or any part thereof And shall refuse to Appaere before the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company when duely Summoned And for the punishment of all persons that have or shall have served Seaven Yeares to the said Trade Art or Mystery or any part thereof and shall refuse to be made Ffree of the said Company. AND whensoever the said Master Wardens and Assistants or any Thirteen or more of them (whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one) shall make ordeyne and Establish such Acts Orders and Ordinances to provide and lymitt such reasonable paines and penalties either by ffines Amerciaments or otherwise upon all Offenders as to them shall seem fitt and necessary whych said ffines penalties and Amerciaments shall and may be had levyed or recovered by Distresse Action of Debt or by any other manner according to law To and for the use and Benefitt of the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their Successors without the Lett of us our Heires or Successors and without rendring any account or other thing therefore to us our Heires or Successors All which Acts orders and Ordinances soe as aforesaid to be made Wee will and Comand shall be observed and kept under the paines and penalties therein to be contayned Soe as the same orders Ordinances Ffynes and penalties be reasonable and not repugnant to the laws Statutes Customes and Rights of our Realme of England nor to the Custome and usage of our Citty of London. AND Wee doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors direct require and Comand That the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the Major part of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one shall receive into the said Corporation as Members of the same all such persons now being Ffreemen of our Citty of London who now doe or at any time before the date of these our Letters patents have used or exercised the said Trade Art or Mystery and likewise that they shall have power to admitt any other person or persons whom they shall think Convenient of our naturall borne Subjects being Ffreemen of our said Citty of London into the said Company Subject Nevertheless to the Lymittations and restrictions hereafter mentioned. AND wee doe further by these presents for us our Heires and Successors direct and Comand That noe person whatsoever unles such as hath or have served or shall serve Seaven yeares at least to a Gold and Silver Wyre Drawer Fflater or Spinner or such as shall be duely admitted Members of the said Company and shall Submitt themselves to the Government of the same or the Widow of such shall either Draw Fflatt or Spinn or Cause to be Drawne Fflatten or Spunn any Gold or Silver Wyre Plate or Thread. AND for the bringing all persons under

Punishment of all persons within the Limit who shall refuse to appear when duly summoned.

Punishment to all persons who shall have served 7 years in the Trade, and refuse to be made Free of the City.

Power to Levy fines, &c.

Direction for Freemen of London using the Trade to be admitted into the Company.

Power to admit other persons.

No person to act in Trade but those properly qualified as stated.

one Regiment and Regulation for the better Government and regulateing the Abuses which now or hereafter may or shall be Comitted or done in the said Art or Mystery or in any Branch or part thereof Wee doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors Require and Comand That all such persons using or Exerciseing or which shall hereafter use or Exercise the said Trade art or Mystery Although Ffree of any other Company Corporation Ffraternity or Society shall enter themselves and actually become Members of the said Company and upon such refusall shall bee lyable to such Ffine Fforfeiture or penalty as shall be lawfully imposed upon them by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the greater part of them. PROVIDED always and our Will and pleasure is that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being shall not translate or cause to be translated any person or persons (though of the same trade) from any of the Companies of the City of London without the Lycence and approbation of the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the said Citty for the time being. AND We doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors further Grant and declare that any person or persons being Member or Members of any other Company or Companies within our Citty of London who shall enter him or themselves a Member or Members of the said Company haveing borne any Office or Charge in the respective Company or Companies to which hee or they doe belong shall not be lyable to serve as Master Wardens or Assistants of the said Company hereby Constituted without his or their owne Consent. AND our will and pleasure is that all apprentices already bound to and serving their Apprenticeshipps with any person or persons using the said Trade Art or Mystery shall at the expiration of the terme for which they are bound be made ffree of the said Company And that all persons using or exerciseing the said trade art and Mystery or any part or branch of the same shall for the future bind and make ffree their Apprentices and Servants in the said Company only. AND for the preventing all frauds and deceipts in the said Trade art or Mistery Wee doe hereby for us our Heires and Successors Give and Grant full power and authority to the said Master Wardens and Assistants and their Successors That they the said Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being or the greater part of them (whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one) shall and may from time to time make a Rule for the Goodness of all sorts of Gold and Silver Thread and for the Spinning or Brasse and Copper and other inferiour mettalls. AND FURTHER we doe hereby for us our heires and successors Give and Grant to the said Master Wardens and Assistants and their Successors full power and Authority That they the said Master Wardens and Assistants or any ffive of them (whereof the Master or one of the Wardens or one of their deputies to be one which they are hereby for that end only Impowered to make and Constitute) having first obtayned a

Power to compel persons using Trade to become Free of the Company.

No person to be translated from another Company without permission of Lord Mayor and Aldermen.

Apprentices to be made Free of the Company on expiration of apprenticeship term.

Authority to make Rule for goodness of wares, and to search for defective wares.

Warrant in that behalfe from the Lord Cheife Justice of our Court of Kings Bench for the time being shall and may at Convenient times in the day and with the Assistance of a Constable or other Officer enter into and Search any House Shopp Shedd Warehouse or any other place of any person or persons useing the said Art of Drawing or Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre or makeing or Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and of Brass and Copper or other inferiour mettalls within our said City of London and Thirty myles distance of the same and where they shall find any defective insufficient or ill wrought wares the same to cutt in pieces putt to wast or otherwise to destroy leaveing the materialls soe cutt wasted or destroyed with the propriator or proprietors his or their Workman or Workmen Workwoman or Workwomen. PROVIDED always that nothing in these our Letters Patents conteyned shall extend to the prejudice or diminution of any powers Authorityes or priviledges heretofore Granted by any of our Royall predecessors to the Company of Goldsmiths London for the time being or of any Customes prescriptions or usages by the said Company at any time heretofore lawfully used had exercised or enjoyed anything before herein Conteyned to the Contrary notwithstanding. AND FURTHER for us our Heires and Successors Wee doe give and Grant to the said Master Wardens and Assistants full power and authority That they and their successors shall and may try all weights beames and scales used for weighing the said goods and Wares and to punish the Offender by Ffyne or other prosecution according to law. AND wee do hereby for us our Heires and Successors require and Comand That all persons using the said Art of Drawing and Fflatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread with their Journeyemen and Apprentices or other Servants shall be subject to the search provision and regulation of the said Master Wardens or Court of Assistants for the time being or their deputies duly constituted. AND WHEREAS there are sundry Women and Children our naturall borne Subjects who are and have been comonly employed in one particular branch or way of Spinning Gold and Silver Thread knowne by the name of hand spinning who are noe ways capable of being received either into the Ffreedom of our City of London or the said Corporation. NEVERTHELESS our will and pleasure is and wee doe hereby for us our heires and successors Declare and Grant that it shall and may be lawfull To and for the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty and their successors or any of them to imploy and sett to worke all such persons in the way of hand spining And that all such persons soe employed to Spinn Gold and Silver Thread by hand wheither marryed or unmarried their Children Servants and Apprentices soe useing and exerciseing Hand Spinning as aforesaid shall be subject to the Government Regulation Search and Supervision of the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or their deputies to all Intents and purposes whatsoever as if they were

Goldsmiths
clause.

Power to try
weights, &c.

All persons use-
ing Trade
subject to the
search provision
and regulation
of Company.

Women to be
employed.

Fine for refusal
to admit search.

Lord Mayor and
others to be
helping and
assisting to the
Company.

Clerk.

Beadle.

actually Members of the same. AND wee doe hereby for us our heires and successors Give and Grant to the said Master Wardens and Assistants and their Successors full power and authority to Impose such reasonable ffyne on any person or persons being ffree of the said Company or any other person or persons using and exercising the said Trade Art and Mystery or any part or Branch thereof who shall refuse to permitt such search to be made as aforesaid as they the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the major part of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens to be one shall think fitt. AND FURTHER Wee doe hereby for us our Heires and successors streightly Charge Require and Comand as well the Lord Maior of our said City of London for the time being as all and singular other Maiors Sheriffes Justices of the Peace Constables and all other Officers Ministers and Subjects of us our Heires and Successors in our Cityes of London and Westminster Burrough of Southwarke and in all Counties Burroughs and Townes Corporate within Thirty myles of the said City of London That they and every of them be ayding helping and assisting to the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company and their Successors and such persons as they shall appoynt in all things touching and concerning the makeing such Searches as before in these presents is mentioned and in the Accomplishment of our Royall Will and pleasure herein declared as they and every of them tender our pleasure and will answer the Contrary at their perills. AND ALSOE Wee will and by these presents for us our Heires and Successors doe Grant unto the said Master Wardens and Assistants and their Successors full power and authority That the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the Greater Number of them whereof the Master for the time being to be one shall and may yearly and every yeare name elect choose and constitute one fitt and able person to be Clerk of the said Company to Serve for the Affaires of the said Company And one other fitt and meet person to be Beadle of the said Company to be serviceable and attendant on the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company and all matters touching the same which said Clerk and Beadle shall Continue in their said Offices for one whole yeare next after his or their said Election and from thenceforth until the same person or persons or some other fitt persons shall be elected and Sworne into the said Offices of Clerk and Beadle of the said Company They and each of them and all succeeding Clerks and Beadles first taking their Corporall Oaths before the Master and Wardens or any three of them whereof the Master to be one to Execute their Offices rightly well and faithfully in all things touching the same and also taking such other Oaths and in such manner as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme are required to which said Master and Wardens for the time being or any three of them as aforesaid Wee doe hereby Give full power and authority to Administer the said Oaths accordingly. IN WITNESSE whereof

wee have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witnesse
ourselves at Westminster the Sixteenth day of June in the Fifth
Yeare of our Reigne.

By Writt of Privy Seale,

PIGOTT.

Pro fine in Hanaperis
decem Marcas

J. SOMERS, C.S.



PETITION FOR SANCTION OF ORDERS ACTS AND ORDINANCES.

TO THE RIGHT HONBLE. SIR NATHAN WRIGHT, KNIGHT,
LORD KEEPER OF THE GREAT SEAL OF ENGLAND.

The Humble Petition of the Master Wardens
and Assistants of the Society of the Art and
Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold
and Silver Wire and Making and Spinning of
Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the
City of London,

Humbly shewing

THAT by a Statute made in a Parliament holden at Westminster in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of King Henry the Seventh made and ordained for the Weal and profit of his Subjects, It was amongst other things Ordained Established and enacted That no Master Wardens and Fellowshipships of Crafts or Misteries nor any of them nor any Rulers of Guilds or Fraternities should take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances nor to Execute any Acts or Ordinances by them heretofore made in disheritance or diminution of the King's Prerogative nor of other nor against the Common Profit of the People unless the same Acts and Ordinances be examined and approved by the Chancellor or Treasurer of England or Chief Justice of either Bench or three of them or before the Justices of Assize in the Circuit or progress in the Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made upon pain of Fforfeiture of Forty Pounds for every time they do the Contrary, as by the same Statute more plainly doth and may appeare.

THAT your Petitioners according to the Tenor of their Charter made and Granted to them by his now Majesty King William the Third and her late Majesty Queen Mary Have mett together and made ordained and devised severall Orders Acts Ordinances and Oaths for the Well Ordering and Governing of the said Society and all such person and persons as do or shall Exercise the said Trade Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wire and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffle within the Cities of London and Westminster the Borough of Southwarke and all other places within Thirty Miles distance of the same as are mentioned and contained in a paper book or draft herewith to your Lordship presented and intending to put the same in execution not willing in

any wise to Infringe the said Act of Parliament but desirous in all things to have the same duly observed and kept.

THEY therefore humbly Pray that your Lordship will be Pleased to referr the perusale and examination of their said Book unto the two Lord Chiefe Justices To the end that they may amend the same as they see cause and Report the same to your Lordship that your Petitioners may receive the benefit of the same and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

DANIEL FIELD, Master.

FRANCIS GREENE,

THOMAS PRISE,

EDWARD PAGE,

HENRY SOUTHOUSE,

} Wardens.

15 August, 1700.

I desire the Right Honble. the Lord Chiefe Justice of his Majestie's Court of Kings Bench and the Chiefe Justice of the Court of Common Please to peruse these By Laws and report me their opinion what is fit to be done.

N. WRIGHT, C.S.

ORDERS ACTS AND ORDINANCES.

To All to whom these presents shall come We Sir Nathan Wright Knight Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England John Holt Knight Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Kings Bench and George Treby Knight Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Comon Pleas at Westminster Send Greeting.

WHEREAS in a Statute made in a Parliament holden at Westminster in the Nineteenth yeare of the Reigne of King Henry the Seventh made and ordained for the Weale and profit of his Subjects It was amongst other things ordained Established and Enacted that no Master Wardens and Fellowshipps of Crafts or Misterys nor any of them nor any Rulers of Guilds or Fraternities should take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances nor to execute any Acts or Ordinances by them heretofore made in disheritance or diminution of the King's prerogative or of other nor against the Comon profit of the People. Unless the same Acts and Ordinances be examined and approved by the Chancellor or Treasurer of England or Chiefe Justices of either Bench or three of them or before the Justices of Assize in the Circuit or progresse in the Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made upon paine of Forfeiture of Fourty Pounds for every time they doe the Contrary As by the same Statute more plainly doth and may appeare.

KNOW YEE that Daniel Field Master of the Company of the Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spining of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in the City of London Francis Greene, Thomas Price, Edward Page, and Henry Southouse, Wardens of the said Company and the Assistants of the same Company haveing divers orders Ordinances and Oathes by them Ordained devised and made for the Conservation Good Rule and Governmt of their Mistery and Fellowshipp and intending to put the same in Execution for the better Rule good order and Governmt of such persons as now doe or hereafter shall use and exercise the said Mistery or any part thereof And for the better foresight and Reformation to be had and used amongst them not willing in any wise to infringe the said Act of Parliament But desirouse in all things to have the same duly observed and kept and desirouse also to have the aforesaid orders Ordinances and Oathes to be from time to time executed amongst the Freemen of the said Company and all others now useing and exercising or which shall use or

exercise the said Trade Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wire and making and Spining of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe within the Cities of London and Westminster the Burrough of Southwarke and all other places within thirty miles distance of the same according to the Tenor of the said Companies Charter made and Granted to them by his now Majestie King William the Third and her late Majesty Queen Mary have exhibited unto us their Petition with a Booke annexed, containing certain Ordinances Constitutions Orders and Oaths which they humbly desire may be observed and duely kept and put in execution. In like sort humbly and instantly beseeching us That wee all and every the said Ordinances Constitutions Orders and Oathes, would peruse and examine and them and every of them to Correct reforme and Amend And also to allow Ratife and approve after due manner and forme as by the said Act of Parliamt is required.

KNOW YEE That wee well perceiving the said Supplication to be good and acceptable By Authority of the said Act of Parliament And by the desire of the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company All and every the said Orders Ordinances Constitutions and Oaths have perfectly seen read and understood and them all and every of them have examined reformed and allowed The Tenor whereof hereafter followeth vizt.

THE ORDERS ACTS AND ORDINANCES made by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Society of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spining of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in the City of London At a full Court of Assistants by them held in London aforesaid upon the Nineteenth day of January Anno. Dom. One thousand Six hundred Ninety Nine And in the eleventh yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King William the Third over England for the well ordering and Governing of the said Society and all that shall exercise the said Trade Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spining of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe within the Cities of London and Westminster the Burrough of Southwarke and all other places within Thirty Miles distance of the same.

Orders, Acts, and Ordinances

Court held 19th January, 1699.

(1) IMPRIMIS It is ordered Ordained and established that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company and their Successors for ever shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter by the Appointment of the Master and Wardens

Master,
Wardens, and
Assistants to
meet as often
as necessary.

13 quorum.

All to be sum-
moned.

Business at
Court.

Four Quarterly
Courts.

Time for hold-
ing Quarterly
Courts.

Fine for non-
attendance.

Master to be
elected 30th
December, or
within 14 days.

of the said Company for the time being (or the Greater Number of them) when and as often as to them shall seeme necessary for the Affaires of the said Company Assemble themselves together And that the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the Greater part of them that shall appeare Not less than thirteen appearing (whereof the Master or one of the Wardens to be one) being so Assembled all the rest of the said Assistants being also Sumoned to be at such meeting shall and may keepe Court at their Comon Hall or some other Convenient place within the City of London which shall be called Courts of Assistants at which said Courts of Assistants they shall and may hear and determine all Controversies and Debates whatsoever which shall or may happen concerning the said Trade Art or Mistery or any part thereof or amongst the Members thereof touching or concerning the said Trade or Mistery or any part thereof And shall and may there also bind Apprentices to their respective Members and make free of their Company suchas have served Apprenticeships and such others being or that shall be Freemen of the City of London As by the Charter Granted to or the Ordinances made or to be made by the said Company may be admitted thereinto And shall and may also at such Courts Debate and Determin all and every other Lawfull Act matter and thing which shall at any time or times appeare to the said Master Wardens and Assistants so Assembled to be fitt and Convenient And shall and may be yearly and every yeare held and kept by the Master and Wardens of the said Company or one of them four Quarterly Courts which Quarter Courts shall be held and kept upon every Monday sevensnight or Monday fortnight next following after the Feast of Annunciation of our Blessed Virgin Mary the Nativity of St. John Baptist St. Michael the Arch-Angell and the Birth of our Lord God or on any other day within the said limited time At the Election of the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being or the Greater part of them with due Summons of all the Members of the said Company At one or more of which Courts All the Ordinances and Orders of the said Company made or to be made or so many of them as shall be held necessary shall be distinctly and audibly read before the Members of the said Company who shall be there assembled the better to acquaint the said Members with the same and every member or other person using the said Art or any part thereof making default not haveing just excuse shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being To the use of the said Company Two shillings and Six pence of Lawfull Money of England To be in default of payment thereof Recovered or Levied as hereinafter appointed.

(2) ITEM It is ordained That from henceforth yearly for ever It shall be lawfull the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the Greater part of them that shall meet the whole Number not being lesse than Thirteen (whereof the Master or

one of the Wardens for the time being to be one) from time to time to Assemble and meet together at their Comon Hall or other Convenient place within the City of London or the Liberties thereof upon the thirtieth day of December or some other day to be appointed by the said Master and Wardens or one of them within fourteen dayes after that day yearly and every yeare for ever And the said Master Wardens and Assistants being at the said Hall or such other place assembled shall proceed to the Election of one Master and four Wardens to serve as Master and Wardens for the next ensueing yeare Which election and Choice shall be in such manner as the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being soe Assembled or the Greater part of them shall think fitt And if it shall happen that the Number of Voices given on the behalfe of the severall persons or any of them in Nomination for either of the said Offices to be equall Then the Master of the said Company if present or if absent the Senior Warden then present shall have a double or Casting Voice for finall determination thereof which persons so Elected and Chosen and every of them shall take the Oath for such Offices Appointed in these presents at the time and in the manner herein after appointed for takeing the same and being Sworne shall Continue in their respective Offices of Master and Wardens for one whole yeare then next ensueing and from thence till others be chosen and Sworne in like manner into the said Offices or places and no longer But if any person or persons so elected or Chosen shall refuse or delay to take upon him or them the execution of the said Office or Offices or take the Oath or Oathes in this behalfe appointed in these presents within the time and space of twenty dayes next after such election and shall have noe just or reasonable lett or impediment that may hinder him or them soe to doe That then every such person and persons soe refusing or delaying shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for such refusall or delay the Summe of Tenne Pounds of Currant Money of England for the use of the said Company To be in default of payment thereof recovered or Levyed in such manner as is hereinafter appointed And then the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being to be Convened and Assembled in manner before mentioned or the greater part of them that shall meet The whole number not being lesse than thirteen (Whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one) shall and may proceed to the Election of other person or persons in his or their Stead so refusing.

Election of
Master and
Wardens.

Casting vote to
Chairman.

Duration of
office.

Fine of £10 on
refusal of
Master and
Wardens to
act.

(3) AND It is hereby further ordained that the now Master and Wardens of the said Company and all others that shall hereafter be Master and Wardens when others shall from time to time be chosen shall be and Continue Assistants to the then Master and Wardens untill they happen to dye or be removed from being Assistants for some fault or neglect by the Master Wardens and

Master and
Wardens to
continue
Assistants after
the expiration
of their
Mastership or
Wardenship.

Assistants or the Greater Number of such as shall meet the whole Number not being lesse than thirteen (Whereof the Master or one of the Wardens to be one).

Election of Assistants.

(4) ITEM It is ordained that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the Greater part of them y^t shall meet the whole not being fewer than thirteen and the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being being one shall and may from time to time hereafter elect and make choice of such person and persons of the said Company as they shall think fitt To be Assistants to the said Master and Wardens so as the persons so elected do not increasee the Assistants of the said Company to any more than thirty six in number at any one time besides the Master and Wardens of the said Company And that every person and persons soe Chosen as aforesaid shall before he or they take upon him or them such Office or place of an Assistant or sitt in any Court of Assistants pay unto the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use and towards the support of the said Company the sume of Tenne pounds And also take his and their severall Corporall Oathes before the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being or any thirteen or more of them To be true and faithful to the Kings Maiestie his heires and Successors together with the other Oathes according to the forme hereafter in these presents for that purpose expressed And that every person so Chosen to be an Assistant at the time of his being Sworne shall pay to the Clerke of the said Company as his fee Two shillings and six pence And to the Beadle of the said Company for his Attendance one Shilling and Six pence.

Fees as Assistant

Allowances in respect of sums paid for passing Charter.

BUT IT IS PROVIDED that such Sume or Sumes of Money as shall appeare to have been paid by any such person so Chosen an Assistant (and accepting thereof) towards the Charges of passing the Companies Charter shall be allowed and discounted to him as part of the said Fine of Tenne pounds.

Fine for refusal to serve as Assistant, £20.

(5) ITEM It is ordained that if any person or persons that now are or hereafter shall be elected or Chosen an Assistant of the said Company shall refuse or neglect to take upon him or them the said place in such manner as is herein appointed Then he shall forfeite and pay unto the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company for such his refusall the sume of Twenty pounds of Currant English money To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed in such manner as is hereinafter Appointed.

Non-attendance, fine 2s. 6d. unless leave of absence be given.

(6) ITEM It is further ordained that if any of the Assistants that now are or hereafter shall be elected or Chosen Assistant to the Master and Wardens of the said Company shall refuse or neglect to make his or their Appearance at any Court or Courts of Assistants to be appointed to be holden in manner and forme aforesaid being thereunto Sumoned not having a reasonable excuse or shall depart from any such Courts or Meetings without Licence first obtained from the Master or Wardens of the said Company

for the time being That then every such person shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Society for every such Offence Two shillings and Six pence of Lawfull Money of England To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed in such manner as is hereinafter appointed.

(7) ITEM It is ordained that if any Master or Wardens of the said Company elected and chosen as aforesaid shall refuse to accept on himselfe such Office by the Space of one and twenty dayes after he shall be thereunto Chosen or haveing accepted the same shall happen to die or be removed from his or their respective places That then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the Greater Number of them that shall meet for that purpose in a Court of Assistants duly to be Sumoned to Non inate and Choose in like manner as is before appointed such other person or persons as to them shall seem meet into the place or places of such Master or Wardens so deceased or removed which Choice shall be made within One Month next after such decease or removall which person or persons so Chosen are to supply and execute during all the remainder of that year such his or their Office or Offices And that if any person or persons who shall be newly elected and Chosen as aforesaid shall without reasonable cause deny refuse or delay to take upon him or them any such Office or Offices as aforesaid or to take the Oath or Oathes for that purpose ordained That then every such person or persons shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of ye said Compy for ye time being for ye use of the said Compy for every such refusall or delay the sume of Tenne pounds of lawfull money of England To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed in such manner as is hereinafter appointed.

Power to elect
Fresh Master
and Wardens
in place of any
dying, &c.

(8) ITEM Forasmuch as it may come to passe hereafter that election may be made of persons to be Master or Wardens of the said Company who by reason of Sicknesse or some other Important Cause may be sometimes letted or hindered from giving their Constant and due Attendance in their respective Offices as such their Offices or places require. It is therefore ordained that every Master and Warden of the said Company may in such Cases Substitute Depute or Appoint some other person or persons to be approved by the Master Wardens and Assistants That shall be assembled in a Court of Assistants of the said Company in his or their place or Stead.

Deputies.

(9) ITEM It is ordained that the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being and their Successors from time to time and at all times hereafter shall carefully and diligently use their best endeavours by all Carefull wayes and means whatsoever to Collect receive and gather of all and every person and persons all such Rents Arrearages of Rents Quarterages Search Money Fines Amerciaments Forfeitures payments Sume or Sumes of Money and

Funds of the
Company.

all other dues or duties whatsoever belonging forfeited or in any wise due or appertaining to the said Company and shall truly pay the same to the hands of their respective Successors within two months next after the end or expiration of their respective Offices or places or otherwise as shall be from time Appointed by a Court of Assistants of the said Company.

Renter Warden. (10) ITEM It is ordained that every Renter Warden of the said Company shall with fourteen dayes after he shall be elected into the said place And before he take upon him to execute the same place
Bond £500. Give good Security by Bond or otherwise as the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being shall direct and appoint of the penalty of Five hundred pounds with Condition not to mispend waste or Imbezill any of the moneys goods or writings belonging to the said Company But to deliver and pay the same moneys and goods to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being when thereunto required by order made at any Court of Assistants to be held for the said Company upon paine that every person that shall refuse soe to doe shall forfeit and pay to the Master of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of Twenty pounds Currant Money To be in default of payment thereof Recovered or Levied in such manner as is hereinafter appointed.

Accounts. (11) ITEM It is ordained that within two months next after every election of new Master and Wardens as aforesaid The last Master and Wardens and every of them respectively shall give a true and perfect Account unto such persons as shall be appointed Auditors by a Court of Assistants duly summoned to that purpose or any three of them of for or
Three Auditors. Concerning all and all manner of Jewells, Plate, Money, Linen, Charters, Writings, Bookes, and evidences and all other goods and Utensills profitts and comodities whatsoever appertaining to the said Company and which did at any time or times come to his or their hands Charge or Custody And shall deliver to the said New Master and Wardens or such of them as shall be appointed to receive the same all and every the said Plate Jewells and Money together with his or their Key and Keyes of the Chests hereafter mentioned and all other things whatsoever then being or remain-
Custodian. ing in his or their hands Custody or possession or which they or any of them shall or may be iustly charged to have received or possessed to the use of the said Company or otherwise Appertaining or belonging to the said Company by any wayes or meanes whatsoever without imbezilment or waste upon paine or forfeiture of Three Pounds for every Month that every such person and persons shall detaine any of the premisses in his or their or any other hands or Custodie after the time limited as aforesaid over and above the full value of all and every such thing and things as shall be detained or wanting through his or their default.

Chests with five locks and keys. (12) ITEM It is ordained that the said Company and their Successors for ever shall have one or more Chests with five locks

and Keys thereunto belonging wherein shall be kept the Comon Seale of the said Company and all such Money Plate Jewells Goods Charters Writeings Evidences Ordinances and all other things whatsoever belonging to the said Company which Chest or Chests shall also stand and remain at their Comon Hall or such other Convenient place or places as shall seem meet and convenient to the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being or the Greater Number of them And that the Master and Wardens for the time being shall each of them keepe one of the said Keyes during their respective Offices and untill their Accompts shall be Audited only and if either the said Master or Wardens happen to be sick or shall travell farr out of the City of London to dwell or soyourn or otherwise shall absent him or themselves for the space of Fourteen dayes That in such case every such Master and Wardens respectively shall and may entrust and leave his or their Key or Keyes with some other person or persons being of number of the Assistants so that the said Companies affaires may not suffer prejudice for want thereof on paine to forfeit and pay for every such default the sume of Thirteen shillings and Four pence of Current money to and for the use of the said Company To be in default of payment thereof recovered or leaved in such manner as is herein after appointed.

(13) ITEM It is ordained that no Leases Demises Annuities Grants or Guifts of what nature or kinde soever of any House or Houses Lands Tenements or other thing or things whatsoever appertaining or belonging or which ought to belong by purchase donation or otherwise to the Company aforesaid nor any obligations Bills or Specialties for any sume or sumes of Money at any time shall be granted or passe under the Comon Seale of the said Company unlesse the same be ordered soe to be by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the Majority of such of them as shall meet in a Court of Assistants of the said Company at some Court of Assistants to be holden upon paine that every Master and Warden (in whose Custody or Charge the Comon Seale shall be then Intrusted) shall for every such offence forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of One Hundred Pounds To be in default of payment thereof Recovered or Leaved in such manner as is hereinafter mentioned And shall be from thenceforth discharged and disabled from being either Master Warden or Assistant of the said Company for ever.

(14) ITEM It is ordained that the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being or any three of them shall and may meet at such place and time as they shall thinke fitt And shall and may at any such meeting Binde Apprentices to the Members of the said Company and make free of the Company such as have served Apprentishipp to members of the said Company or otherwise have a right to be made free of the said Company And

Keys.

No lease, &c.,
to pass except
under Common
Seal at a Court.Meetings of
Master and
Wardens.To bind
apprentices.

the said Master and Wardens may call to their Assistance such of the Assistants of the said Company as to them shall seeme meet to comune and debate of such other Matters and things as shall appeare reasonable and Convenient for the Good of the said Company.

Rules for conduct of Courts.

(15) ITEM for the better avoiding disorder noise and Confusion in all Courts of Assistants It is ordained that every Member of the said Court shall alwaies keep Silence at the Commandment or desire of the Master and Wardens or one of them And when any matter or thing shall be moved or debated in any Court It shall not be lawful for any more than one of them to speak at one time to the matter in debate And all debates propositions and discourses shall be addressed to the Master or him who shall possesse the Chaire onely That so the oppinion and judgement of every Member be heard and knowne without any interruption And that every person except the Master who shall at any time speake as aforesaid shall speake bare headed addressing his discourse to the said Master And that if any Assistant shall be Comanded Silence by the Master or Wardens he or they shall not speake againe to that point in debate without leave of the Master first obtained upon paine to forfeit and pay to the Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company for every such offence One shilling To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed in such manner as is herein after appointed.

Livery (should one be granted)

(16) ITEM It is ordained if at any time hereafter it shall or may happen that a Livery be granted to the said Company that then the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society for the time being in a Court of Assistants Assembled or the greater part of them soe assembled shall and may Call elect Choose and admitt into the Livery and Cloathing of the said Society such person and persons free of the said Company, as they shall think fitt and meet And that all and every such person and persons so called and elected into the Livery or Cloathing of the said Society immediately upon Notice to him or them to be given thereof by the Beadle or other Officer of the said Company for the time being shall accept and hold on the Livery of the said Company And shall upon Notice at the Next Court of Assistants to be holden after such notice repaire to the said Court And for such his admission shall then pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being or one of them for the use of the said Society the sume of Tenne pounds of lawfull Money of England for and towards the support of the said Company And to the Clerke of the said Company for the time being five shillings for his paines And to the Beadle two shillings and six pence And if any person or persons so-called Elected and Chosen into the Livery or Cloathing of the said Company shall refuse or neglect to appear at such the said Court of Assistants or to pay his said Livery Money of Tenne pounds and to take upon him or them the

Admission to Livery.

On refusal to pay fine £20.

said place and Office in manner as aforesaid every such person shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Society the sume of Twenty Pounds of Lawfull English Money to be in default of payment recovered or levied as is hereinafter appointed And it is further ordered That immediately after every such person or persons so admitted into the Livery of the said Company shall have paid his said Livery Money of Tenne pounds and taken upon him or them the said place and Office in manner as aforesaid The Master of the said Company for the time being shall Cause the Beadle of the said Company to put upon him so elected a livery Gowne after the manner used by other Companies of London And then the said Master shall put upon his shoulder a partycoloured Hood made also after the manner now used and worne by the Livery of other Companies of this City after which the Master and Wardens in order shall give to such person and persons his and their hands saying these words viz. Wee admitt you into the Society of the Livery of this Company And every person and persons which shall be admitted into the Livery of the said Company shall within one Month next after such his admission find and provide himself with a sufficient Livery Gowne and Hood of the same Cloath and Colour with the rest of the Livery men of the said Company And shall from time to time and at all times hereafter upon due Summons of the Beadle or other Officer of the said Company Attend the Master and Wardens of the said Society in their Gownes and Hoods at the Comon Hall of the said Mistery or at such other place or places as shall be appointed by the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being or any one of them for or touching the publique affaires of the said Company or of the City of London and shall not depart without the lycense of the said Master and Wardens or one of them And every person that shall not provide himself of a livery gowne and hood as aforesaid or shall make default of appearance in his Gowne upon such Sumons not having a iust or reasonable excuse or shall depart such assembly without lycense as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay to the Wardens of the said Society for the time being for the use of the said Company the Sume of Five shillings of lawfull Money of England for every of the said Offences to be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed in such manner as is herein after appointed.

Livery Gown
and Hood.

Installation
to Livery.

(17) ITEM It is ordained that every yeare yearly the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society for the time being or the Greater Number of them may Elect and Choose such three or more persons Members of the said Company to be Stewards of the said Company And who shall for the Honor of this Honorable City and the said Company finde and provide at their owne mutuall and equall Costs and Charges Two such competent and Sufficient Feasts or Dinners as the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being shall direct and Appoint One of

Three or more
Stewards to be
chosen annually

To provide two
dinners.

One to be called
Steward's
Dinner, 9th
November
(Master,
Wardens,
Assistants, and
Livery.)

Other to be
called the
Election Dinner
on the day of
Election of New
Master.

Fine for Default

Fine for no
acting as
Steward, £15.

Appointment of
Ushers.

Fine for not
acting as Usher,
40s.

Quarter Court
Day.

which shall be called the Stewards Dinner and to be kept at the Comon Hall of the said Company or such other place as to the Master and Wardens shall seeme meet And alwayes on Such day Yearly and every yeare as the Lord Mayor of the City of London is or shall be presented at Westminster which Dinner or Feast shall be for the Master Wardens Assistants and Livery of the said Company And the other Dinner or feaste shall be yearly kept on the day of election of every New Master and Wardens and shall be called the Election dinner or Feast and shall be observed and kept at the Comon Hall of the said Company or at such other place as shall be appointed by the said Master and Wardens or the Greater Number of them which the said Stewards shall make for the Master Wardens Assistants and Livery of the said Company unlesse it shall be otherwise thought fitt and ordered by the said Master and Wardens aforesaid or three of them for the time being And in case any person or persons free of the said Company shall refuse to hold the said Office or place of Steward or faile to make two such Competent and Sufficient Dinners or Feasts as aforesaid or to beare or pay their proportionable Charges or shares thereof That then every of the said persons that shall make default shall respectively forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the Sume of Fifteen pounds Current Money as a fine or Mulct for such his or their refusall or neglect To be in default of payment thereof Recovered or Levved in such manner as is hereinafter Appointed.

(18) ITEM It is ordained that the said Master and Wardens for the time being or any three of them shall and may from time to time Elect and Choose such persons of the said Company as they shall thinke fitt to attend the said Master Wardens Assistants and Livery as Ushers in any service to which they shall be appointed for the Service of the said Company And if any person so appointed shall refuse to attend and performe any of the said Services at such time or times and in such manner as shall or may be appointed by the said Master or Wardens or any three of them that then every person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company The sume of Fourty shillings of Current money of England To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levied in such manner as is herein after appointed.

(19) ITEM It is ordained that every person and persons Members of the said Company shall upon Sumons of the Beadle attend on every Quarter Court day that shall be kept and held by the said Master Wardens and Assistants at the Comon Hall of the said Company or other place of meeting and there pay to the Renter Warden of the said Company (or such other person as shall be appointed to receive the same) All their Quarteridge money which shall be due and payable by them (that

is to say) the sume of two shillings yearly by Sixpence a Quarter for ever towards the support and maintenance of the said Company and defraying the necessary expenses of the same And every person who shall refuse or delay to pay the same Quarterly as aforesaid shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of Three shillings and Four pence for every such default To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levied in such manner as is herein after appointed.

Quarterage,
2s. yearly,
towards support
and maintenance
of
Company.

Default of
payment of
Quarterage,
3s. 4d.

(20) ITEM It is ordained that all and every person and persons that now are or hereafter shall be Members of the said Company shall from time to time from henceforth be lyable to Contribute bear and pay their proportions in comon with others of the said Company and as it is usuall in other Companies of all Charges Lots Scots Sume and Sumes of Money Taxes and Tallages whatsoever both ordinary and extraordinary which shall be from time to time assessed and imposed upon him or them by the discretion of a Court of Assistants of the said Company for the time being who are hereby impowred and required from time to time to make such Assessments as well for ye necessary affairs and the honor of this renowned City the provision of Corne and Graine for supply for the Poore of the said Company according to the antient laudable Custome as also for or concerning the Welfare and the good estate of the said Company or any thing relating thereunto And that every person or persons who shall refuse deny or delay to Contribute beare and pay such their proportions which shall at any time or times hereafter be soe assessed rated or taxed upon him or them as aforesaid shall forfeite and pay to the Wardens of the said Company for the time being to and for the use of the said Company the sume of Fourty shillings over and above the said sum which shall be so assessed To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levied in such manner as is hereinafter appointed.

Liability of
Members for
share of
expenses.

Corn and grain
for supply for
poor of
Company
according to the
Ancient Laud-
able Custom.

Fine for non-
payment of
share of assess-
ment in regard
to expenses.

(21) ITEM It is ordained that from henceforth It shall not be lawfull for any person or persons of the said Company or using or exercising the said Art or Trade of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyer or Spinning or Makeing of Thread or Stuffe to take or keep any more Apprentices then is hereafter limited (That is to say) That no member of this Company or using the said Trade Art or Mistery untill he have been a Freeman of the City of London at least two yeares shall be capable to take one Apprentice upon paine to forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of Five Pounds of lawful money of England And it is further ordered and ordained that no person free of the said Company or using or exercising the said Trade Art or Mistery shall take a second Apprentice before his first Apprentice hath served at least three yeares and a halfe of his time of Apprenticeship To be accounted from the date of such

Apprentices—as
to number
which may be
taken, &c., and
penalties for
taking more
than specified
number.

Apprentice's Indenture of Apprenticeship if such first Apprentice shall continue in his service upon paine that every person who shall take or keepe a Second Apprentice in lesse time than as afore expressed shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of Tenn Pounds of Current Money of England And it is further ordered and ordained That every member of this Company or using or exercising the said Trade Art and Mystery who shall take keepe or have more than two Apprentices at one time shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Warden of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the full sume of Fourty shillings of lawfull money of England per month for each and every Apprentice dureing the time that any such person shall have more than two Apprentices at one time in default of payment of each or either the severall forfeitures and penalties in this ordinance afore expressed the same to be recovered or levied in such manner as is herein after appointed.

Apprentices not to be retained more than one month on trial.

(22) ITEM It is ordained that from henceforth no Member of this Company shall retain any person or persons to be his Apprentice or Apprentices upon likeing above one month But shall immediately after the said month if he shall like and retaine him or them present the said Apprentice or Apprentices before the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or two of them to be examined and allowed or refused And being allowed shall Binde every Apprentice and Apprentices by Indenture which Indentures are to be made by the Clerke of the said Company only who shall also register in a Booke to be kept for that purpose every such Apprentice with the time of such his being bound And that every person who shall present any Apprentice shall upon his being allowed pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company or one of them for the same the sume of Two shillings and Six pence of lawfull money of England to the use of the said Company and to the Clerke Two shillings and to the Beadle for his attendance Eighteen pence and shall also within twelve monthes next after such bindeing Inroll or cause to be Inrolled the Indenture of the same Apprentice or Apprentices before the Chamberlaine of the City of London for the time being or his deputy according to the custome of the said City upon paine that every person or persons offending therein shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being the sume of Six shillings and Eight pence of current money of England to the use of the said Company And that if any person or persons Members of the said Company shall at any time or times hereafter Binde or cause to be Bound to him or them any one or more Apprentice or Apprentices by himselfe or by any Scrivener or other person or persons whatsoever other than by the Clerke of the said Company for the time being That then every such person and persons so offending shall for every such default forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said

Apprenticeship deed to be made by Clerk and register kept.

Fees for Binding Apprentices.

Enrollment of apprentice at Chamberlain's Office.

Fine for non-enrollment, 6s. 8d.

Fine for binding apprentices other than by the Clerk.

Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of Five Pounds of lawfull money of England All the said forfeitures to be in default of payment thereof recovered or levied in such manner as is hereinafter appointed.

(23) ITEM It is ordained that no person or persons of the said Company shall at any time hereafter give assigne turne over or put away any of his or their Apprentice or Apprentices for the terme or time for which the said Apprentice or Apprentices is or are to serve or any part thereof to any person or persons whatsoever without the Consent of the Master and Wardens of the said Company or two of them To the Intent they may forsee and be satisfied that the same Apprentice or Apprentices be Assigned and Sett over to such as by the Lawes of the Kingdome and Custome of the City of London may have and take the same Apprentices and are skilfull and fitt in all respects to teach and Instruct such Apprentice or Apprentices in the said Trade and Mistry and to finde him and them also all things necessary and Convenient for an Apprentice And if it shall happen any person or persons that now are or shall be free of the said Society to die or depart this mortall life or to give over his or their trade haveing one or more apprentice or apprentices which hath not served his or their full terme of Apprenticeship at the time of death or giving over That then and in every such case It shall and may be lawfull to and for the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being or any two of them whereof the Master for the time being to be one to assigne or sett over every Such Apprentice to such other person or persons using the same Trade as they in their Discretions shall think fitt and Convenient And that every new Master to whome such Apprentice shall be soe sett over shall pay to the said Master and Wardens for the time being for every such setting over for the use of the said Company Two shillings and Sixpence and two shillings to the Clerke for registering the same And to the Beadle for his attendance one Shilling and Sixpence. PROVIDED That if any apprentice to be taken in trust by any Member of the said Company with Intent to assigne and sett over presently to some other Member of the said Company to serve for the whole terme of yeares Agreed on That then the Master to whome the said Apprentice shall be soe assigned shall pay only the ordinary fees or duty appointed for presenting and Binding but nothing to the Company for such assigneing or turning over but onely to the Clerke of the Company the sume of Sixpence for Endorsing and Registering the same.

Apprentice not to be turned over, &c., without consent of Company.

Apprentices of Masters deceased to be handed over to others by the Company.

Fee for turning over Apprentice.

(24) ITEM It is ordained that every Member of the said Company whose Apprentice hath served out the Terme of Yeares for which he was bound shall within forty dayes next after the expiration thereof endeavour to bring the said late apprentice to some Court of Assistants to be held there to take the usuall Oath or oathes before them which Oath is to be administered by the Clerke of the said Company in manner and forme as is hereafter

Apprentice on expiry of term to be brought to Company.

set forth and expressed And thereupon testimony by such Master to be given of the said Apprentices trueth and faithfull service and performance of all other Covenants contained in the Indentures of Apprenticeship between them the said Apprentice shall be made free thereof and not otherwise and shall therefore pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company Three shillings and fourpence And to the Clerke of the Company for Administering the said Oath and Registering such his Admission the sum of Two shillings and six pence and to the beadle for his Attendance one Shilling and Sixpence upon paine to forfeit and pay for doing contrary hereunto To the Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company Fourty Shillings Current Money of England To be in default of payment thereof recovered or Levied in such manner as is herein after appointed.

Fees on making
Apprentices free
of the Company.

Trade only to
be taught to
apprentices.

(25) ITEM It is ordained that from henceforth no person or persons of the said Company shall teach the Trade of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spining Thread and Stuffle or any part thereof to any person or persons other than his Apprentice or one taken on likeing in order to be his Apprentice or his wife or Childe or worke in the said Trade with any person or persons whatsoever within the precincts aforesaid not free of this Corporation whereby the knowledge or Secrets of the Trade or any part thereof may be taught to any such person either directly or indirectly upon paine that every person soe offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company for every such Offence as aforesaid the Sume of Twenty Five pounds of lawfull Money of England and Fourty shillings for every month every such person shall continue in such service or employment aforesaid contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance which said forfeitures in default of payment thereof to be recovered or levied as is herein after appointed.

Fine for teaching
trade to other
persons.

No one to act in
Trade until he
has served
apprenticeship
or examined,
and been made
free of Company

(26) ITEM It ordained that from henceforth it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons whatsoever Inhabiting within the Cities of London and Westminster the Suburbs and Liberties thereof or within thirty Miles distant from the same within places priviledged or exempt or not priviledged or exempt within the precincts aforesaid to use exercise or practice the said Trade Art and Mistery unlesse every such person or persons have served Seaven Yeares to or been instructed in the said Trade or be first upon Examination allowed fitt and Capable so to doe by a Court of Assistants of the Master Wardens and assistants of the said Company for the time being and shall be made free of the said Company and take his and their Corporall Oathes in these presents Appointed to be taken by every Freeman of the said Company upon paine that every person and persons Offending or doing to the Contrary shall forfeit and pay for every such offence to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for

the use of the said Company the sume of Five pounds of Current Money and Forty shillings a Month for every Month that every Such person or persons shall continue to exercise the said trade Art or Mistery or any part thereof contrary to the purport and true intent of this Ordinance which said forfeitures in default of payment thereof shall be Recovered or Levyed as is herein after mentioned.

ine for acting
n trade without
being Free of
Company.

(27) ITEM It is ordained that it shall or may be lawful from time to time and at all times to and for the Widow who was the Wife of a Freeman of the said Company that in his lifetime did use the said Trade Art or Mistery That she the said Widdow may Continue the practice and exercise of the said Trade Art and Mistery which her said Husband did use for and dureing so long time onely as she shall keepe and continue herself unmarried she being first admitted and paying to the Master and Wardens for the time being in the name of a Fine the sume of Six shillings and Tenne pence (vizt.) Three shillings and Four pence thereof to the Company Two shillings to the Clerke and Eighteen pence to the Beadle and paying all Quarteridge and other duties which her said Husband incase he were alive should pay or ought to have paid to the use of the said Company.

Widow may
continue Trade
of deceased
husband during
widowhood,
after being
admitted to
Company.

(28) ITEM It is ordained that no person or persons of the said Company shall from henceforth Sett on Worke or Employ in or about the said Trade and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spining Thread and Stuffle or any part thereof any Journeyman not being a member of this Company upon paine to forfeite and pay for every person so employed or sett on worke as aforesaid To the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of Fourty shillings a Month of current money for every month he or they shall employ any such person contrary to the true meaning hereof To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed as is herein after appointed.

No Journeyman
not being mem-
ber of Company
to be Employed.

(29) ITEM It is ordained that noe Member of the said Company shall at any time hereafter Arrest sue or implead or cause to be arrested sued or impleaded any other Member of the said Company for or concer'ing any action cause or causes of action whatsoever relating to the said Trade without first acquainting the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being with the same To the end that all differences arising between Members of the same Company may be friendly compromised by the Good discretion of the Master and Wardens with their Assistants if need be and Brotherly Peace may be by that means preserved.

Settlement of
Disputes.

(30) ITEM It is ordained that if the Master Wardens or Assistants of the said Company for the time being or any Officer of the said Company or any one of the Livery of the said Company be Guilty of any Scandalous crimes in relation to the said Trade whereby he or they shall be deemed and adjudged un-

Power for re-
moval of Master
Wardens
Assistants or
Livery.

worthy or unmeet to continue in his or their Offices or Places That then a Court of Assistants of the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company shall and may at all times hereafter for ever deprive remove and put out of his or their said Place or Office every or any such Master Wardens Assistant Officer or Member of the Livery of the said Company That shall so by them be deemed and adjudged unworthy of Place of Government Office or other Esteeme in the said Company And shall and may upon submission and Reformation Restore such person or persons unto his or their former Office or Dignity againe.

Make rule for
goodness of
Wares.

(31) ITEM It is ordered and ordained that for the preventing all Frauds and deceipts in the said Trade Art and Mistery the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the Greater part of them (whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one) shall and may from time to time make a rule for the goodnesse of all Sorts of Gold and Silver Thread and for the Spining of Brasse and Copper and other Inferior mettalls And every person and persons useing the said Trade Art and Mistery shall observe the same or in default thereof shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the use of the said Company such fine or fines as a Court of Assistants of the said Company for the time being shall think reasonable according to the nature of the Offence the same not exceeding the Sum of Tenne pounds for any one particuler offence To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed as is hereinafter appointed.

Sizes of Wyre.

(32) ITEM It is ordered and ordained that there shall be from time to time a stated size for all sorts of Wyre by Rings and Wyre kept at the hall of the said Company or at some other Convenient place as by a Court of Assistants shall from time to time be appointed And that all person or persons useing the said trade art or Mistery within the Limitts aforesaid shall and may from time to time repaire to the said size there to prove and try by such rings and Wyre all such Gold and Silver Wyre which they shall judge and thinke not made and wrought according to such size and shall pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being or one of them or to such other person or persons as shall from time to time be by them appointed to Receive the same for the use of the said Company for each size he or they shall soe bring to be tryed and proved sixpence And it is ordered that if any such Gold and Silver Wyre that shall be so brought to be tryed and proved shall appear upon prooffe not to be wrought according to the stated size That then the Workman shall pay for makeing such prooffe But if the same be made and wrought according to the said stated size That then the prooffe fee of sixpence shall be paid by the Workmaster.

Proof of Wyre.

Quality of
Wyre, &c.

(33) ITEM It is further ordered and ordained that no person or persons now useing or which hereafter shall use the Trade art or

Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spining of Gold and Silver Thread either free of the said Company or Foreigners within the Cities of London and Westminster the Burrough of Southwarke or within any other places within thirty miles distance of the same shall at any time hereafter Spinn or Cause to be Spunn any Gold or Silver Plate upon thread or Inkle nor shall spinn or cause to be Spunn any Go:ld or Silver Plate otherwise than Close except Frost upon different coloured silke nor upon any heavy dyed silke of either white or Gold Colour or undied Silke upon paine that every member or person offending herein shall forfeite and pay unto the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sume of Five Pounds of lawfull English Money for every pound Averdupoise of Copper Brasse or other inferior mettall That shall be spunne upon silke or of Gold or Silver Plate that shall be spunne upon thread or Inkle or of Gould or Silver That shall be spunne upon heavy dyed silke of either white or Gould colour or undyed silke and soe proportionably for any greater or lesser quantity To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed as is hereinafter appointed.

(34) ITEM It is ordered and ordained that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or any five of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens or one of their deputies to be one shall and may soe often in the day time as the Master or one of the Wardens of the said Company for the time being shall thinke fitt needfull or requisite make search view and essay of all the Goods wares and Commodities used in the said trade belonging or to belong to any person or persons free or foreigner using or keeping the Trade Art or Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre or makeing or Spinning of Gould and Silver Thread and of Brasse and Copper and other inferior mettalls within the City of London and Thirty Miles distance of the same or such or soe many of them as shall from time to time be thought meet and Convenient In order to finde out reforme regulate and punish all frauds decepts and abuses in the trade aforesaid And in such search to enter into the Houses Shoppes Sheds Warehouses Roomes or places of all person and persons who doe or shall use the said art of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyer or makeing or Spinninge of Gould or Silver Thread and of Brasse and Copper or other inferior Mettalls And also in the said searches they may and shall try all weights Beames and Scales used for weighing the said Goods and Wares And if they shall finde or discover upon their said search or view any defective insufficient or ill wrought Wares Goods or Commodities or any deceitfull or badd weights Beames or Scales Then every person and persons in whose hands or custody any such defective insufficient or ill wrought Wares Goods or Commodities or any deceitfull or badd weights Beames or Scales shall be found shall for every such offence forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said

Power of search
for defective
Wares.

Fines for defec-
tive wares.

Company for the time being for the use of the said Company such Fine or Fines as a Court of Assistants of the said Company for the time being shall in their discretion thinke fitt and reasonable according to the nature of the Offence the same not exceeding five pounds for any one perticuler offence To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed as is herein after appointed. AND it is further ordered and ordained That if any person or persons make resistance or deny such search or shall not obey the said Master Wardens and Assistants in their said Search nor Suffer them to doe all acts matters or things in or about the same in forme aforesaid to be done and performed That then every person soe offending shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company for every such Offence the sume of Tenne Pounds Current Money of England to be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed as is herein after appointed.

Search Money
to be paid for
use of Company

(35) ITEM It is further ordered and ordained that every person and persons using or which shall use the Trade Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spinninge of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle within the Citties of London and Westminster the Burrough of Southwarke and all others places within thirty miles distance of the same for and in consideration of the paines trouble and charges which the said searchers in discharge of such their duty must be at shall upon every search pay unto the said searchers for the use of the said Company the sume of Foure pence current money at every search soe to be made in the name of search money and if any person or persons shall refuse or delay payment of the said search Money That then every such person shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being to the use of the said Company the sume of Twenty shillings current English money To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levyed as is herein after appointed.

All Persons to
be of good
behaviour.

(36) ITEM It is further ordered and ordained that noe person or persons Free of the said Company shall at any time hereafter use any indecent speeches unto or shall revile abuse or defame in words or otherwise the Master Wardens Assistants or Liverymen of the said Company or any of them for the time being or any of the Officers or Free Members of the said Society But shall at all times hereafter well and honestly demeane him and themselves and bee of good will and behavior aswell in their words as deeds And shall be tractable conformable and obedient unto all and every the lawfull orders and ordinances already made or hereafter to be made and lawfully ordained for the well ordering and good Government of the said Art and Trade and of the Freemen of the said Company neither shall any Freeman or Freemen of this Society at any time or times hereafter be wilfull obstinate or disobedient unto or make any private assemblies or secrett attempts upon or against the Master Wardens and Assitants of the said

Company for the time being or any of them to the hindrance or disturbance of the due execution of their said Offices or the violation or breach of any of the lawfull ordinances contained in these presents And whosoever shall offend in any part of this present ordinance shall forfeite and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being to the use of the said Company such reasonable sume or sumes of money as shall be imposed on him or them by a Court of Assistants of the said Company for the time being to be holden for the said Society for every such offence according to the quality thereof so as the same exceed not the sume of Three pounds Six shillings and Eight pence for every such offence To be in default of payment thereof recovered or levied as is herein after appointed.

(37) ITEM It is hereby further ordered and ordained That if any person that now is or that hereafter shall be free of the said Company or use or exercise the Trade Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and pinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe or any part thereof within the Citties of London and Westminster or the Suburbs or liberties thereof or within thirty miles thereof shall after notice or demand thereof made by appointment of the Master and Wardens of the said Company or any two of them for the time being delay deferr refuse or deny to pay any of the aforesaid respective penalties forfeitures duties fines payments or sumes of money so as aforesaid in and by the afore mentioned Orders and ordinances or any of them severally and respectively forfeited Rated sett taxed Imposed or assessed upon any such persons for and concerning the premisses or for the offending breaking or disobeying any order or ordinance herein expressed and comprised hereby any such penalty forfeiture duty fine payment or sume of money is or shall be forfeited Rated taxed sett Imposed or assessed upon any such persons for such cause or offence respectively That then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spinninge of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffe in the City of London To recover the same by Action of Debt to be brought for the same In the name of the Master Wardens Assistants and Comonalty of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spinning of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffe in the City of London in any of his Maiesty's Courts of Record Or it shall be lawfull for the said Master Wardens Assistants and Commonalty by order of a Court of Assistants to levy the same by Distresse by any member Beadle or other officer of the said Society of the Goods and Chattells of the person or persons Chargeable with the said penalties and forfeitures payments or sumes of money respectively.

(38) ITEM It is ordered and ordained That it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Court of Assistants of the said Company

Fine for misbehaviour.

Enforcement of fines, &c., by Action of Debt.

Power to remit fines.

If they in their good discretion shall see cause to Lessen remitt and discharge any fine or fines forfeitures or penalties of any such person or persons that shall at any time or times hereafter become offenders or defaulters in any of the before mentioned by Lawes or any other by Lawes and ordinances of this Company.

Power to sue
in Kings
Majesty's
Court.

(39) ITEM for the recovery and obtaining of the severall penalties forfeitures and summes of money by the severall aforesaid orders Imposed sett and appointed to be paid by such persons who use the said trade or sell the said Wares within the Cities of London and Westminster the Burrough of Southwarke and Thirty miles distance off the same. It is further ordered that it shall and may be lawfull for the Master Wardens Assistants and Commonalty of the said trade art and Mystery To sue for and implead all persons respectively for the same in any of the Kings Maiesties Courts by action of debt or otherwise as Counsell Learned in the Law shall direct and appoint.

AND FORASMUCH as by his Maiesties Charter of Incorporation to the said Company certaine oaths are enioined to be administered to the master Warden Assistants Freemen Clerke and Beadle of the said Company for the time being upon their respective elections and admittance It is therefore hereby further ordered That the severall oathes hereafter following be accordingly and respectively on every such occasion Administered in the forme and Words herein sett downe and expressed (that is to say)

Oath of Master.

THE OATH to be taken by the Master of the Company of the art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spining of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London for the time being.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereigne Lord the King of this realme That you will be faithfull and true unto the Company of the Art and Mistry of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Makeing and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London now Incorporated And that you will as Master of the said Company Endeavour by yourself so farr as lawfully you may to observe keepe and maintaine and justifie and indifferently to execute or cause to be executed and observed all the Laudable and Lawfull Acts Ordinances and Orders of the said Company now made or hereafter to be made and lawfully ordained not

sparing or conniving at any person or persons of the said Company either for fear favour or affection Reward or hope of gaine dureing all the time you shall continue in your said office That all Fines and amerçiements incurred by or imposed upon any offenders of our said Company you shall doe your best endeavour to levy and receive or caused to be levied and received to the use of the said Company only And of all Goods plate Jewells and other utensills sume and sumes of Money and every other things whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said Company which shall or may at any time or times hereafter dureing your Mastershipp come unto your Custody or possession or which shall in anywise be within your power or knowledge you shall render a Good just and faithfull accompt or readily submitt unto and pay such fines and Amerçiements as you shall be taxed and ordered to pay for your neglect or failing in any the cases aforesaid according to the orders or ordinances of the said Company established you will not for malice or hatred love or affection Tax rate or asseesse any person or persons whatsoever in greater or lesser sume or sumes of Money then in proportion and according to the nature or quality of his or their offence or offences. And this you shall doe according to your best discretion. So HELP YOU GOD.

THE OATH to be taken by the Wardens of the
 Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing
 and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyer and
 making and Spinning of Gould and Silver
 Thread and Stuffle in the City of London for
 the time being. Oath of
Wardens.

You and every of you shall swear that you will be Good and true to our Sovereigne Lord the King of this Realme That you will be faithfull and true to the Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and making and Spinning of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London now Incorporated. And that you will as Wardens of the said Company endeavour by yourselves soe farr as you and every of you lawfully may to observe keepe and maintaine and justly and indifferently to execute or Cause to be executed and observed all the good laudable and lawfull Acts ordinances and orders of the said Company now made or hereafter to be made and lawfully ordained not sparing or conniving at any person or persons of the said Company either for fear favour or affection Reward or hope of gaine dureing all the time you shall continue in your said office That all fines and Amerçiements incurred by or imposed upon any Offender of your said Company you shall do your best endeavour to levy and receive or cause to be levied and received to the use of the said Company onely And of Goods Plate Jewells and other utensills sume and sumes of money and every other thing whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said Company which shall or may at any time or times hereafter

during your Wardenshipps come unto your hands Custody or possession or which shall be in anywise within your power or knowledge you or any of you shall render a good true and faithful accompt or readily submitt unto and pay such Fines and Amerciaments as you shall be taxed or ordered to pay for your neglect or failing in any of the Cases aforesaid according to the Orders and Ordinances of the said Company established You shall not for Malice or Hatred Love or Affection Tax rate or asseesse any person or persons in a greater or lesser sune or sumes of money than in proportion and according to the Nature and Quality of his or their Offence or Offences according to the ordinances of this Company. And this you shall doe according to your best discretion. SOE HELP YOU GOD.

Oath of
Assistants.

THE OATH to be taken by every Assistant of the Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wire and makeing and Spinning of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London for the time being.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the King of this Realme That you will be faithfull and true to the Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spining of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London now Incorporated That you will upon every Summons by the Beadle or other Officer of this Company at all times (unlesse you shall be reasonably hindred) Attend the Master and Wardens at all their Courts or meetings And be aiding and assisting to them with your best advice and council for the well ordering and Governing of the said Company and all the Members thereof in all things tending to the Public Good good regulation and credit of the same and according to the Acts and ordinances of this Company made or to be made and Lawfully ordained and shall endeavour the Conformity and Obedience of all the Members of the said Company thereunto without Spareing for fear favour or affection reward or hope of gaine not being too rigorous unto any persons through envy Malice or other Cause whatsoever you shall in all things deale justly and indifferently without partiality both in your Advice council and assistance in whatsoever shall at any time concern the said Company or welfare thereof all the Lawfull counsell of this Company and Secretts of the said Trade art and Mistery you shall faithfully and truly keep And all these things you shall doe and performe unto the utmost of your power soe long as you continue an Assistant. SOE HELP YOU GOD.

Oath of
Freemen.

THE OATH to be taken by every Freeman of the Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and

makeing and Spining of Gould and Silver
Thread and Stuff in the City of London.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereigne Lord the King of this Realm And in all matters and things lawfull and reasonable relating to the Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spinning of Gould and Silver Thead and Stuffle in the City of London You shall be obedient to the Master Wardens Assistants and Governors of the said Company for the time being and their Successors and readily appear upon all Summons made by their Beadle or other Officer (Except you have sufficient Cause to be absent) or else you shall forthwith pay all such penalties and Fines as you shall forfeit according to the Ordinances of this Company for breaking the same All the lawfull Acts ordinances and orders made or to be made for the Weal Rule and good Government of the said Company you shall to your power observe and keep or else forthwith pay such fines and penalties as you shall according to the said Ordinances forfeit by reason of your disobedience or breaking the same All the lawful Secrets of the said Trade Art and Mystery you shall Conceale and Keepe And all the lawfull Councells Consultations Words Matters and things which you shall at any time heare or know to be Spoken or done at any Court or other Assembly of the said Company that doth concern the Government of the Company Reformation of Abuses or Regulation of Refractory and disorderly persons you shall not divulge declare or make knowne to any person or persons whatsoever whereby the Good Government of the said Company redresse of abuses therein or Regulation of their disorderly Members may be hindered prejudiced or prevented All this you shall faithfully doe and performe to the utmost of your power. SOE HELP YOU GOD.

THE OATH to be taken by the Clerk of the Com-
pany of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and
Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing
and Spinning of Gould and Silver Thread and
Stuffle in the City of London. Oath of
Clerk.

You shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereigne Lord the King of this Realme And in all matters and things lawfull and reasonable You shall be faithfull and obedient to the Master and Wardens of the Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spinning of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London for the time being and their Successors You shall once in every yeare yearly put the said Master and Wardens in minde That they give order to you Publickly to read all the ordinances of this Company or so many of them as shall to them seeme requisite unto such of the said Company as shall be present you shall also keep all the Lawfull Councells and Secretts of

this Company You shall not deliver the Coppie of any Book concerning the said Company nor of any act or ordinance made or to be made and ordained within this Society whereby the Company may receive any hurt or prejudice neither shew the same books to any persons without the knowledge of the said Master and Wardens or two of them neither imbezill any manner of writings Books Escripts Scrolls or evidences belonging to the said Company you shall also give your best counsell and advice unto the Master Wardens and Assistants for the time being in all things concerning the Comon Weale and profit of the said Company you shall diligently and truly enforme the Master and Wardens for the time being of all Acts orders and ordinances of the said Company that soe Errors may not by your silence or negligence be comitted You shall carefully register all orders made from time to time by the Master Wardens and Assistants. You shall behave yourself well and truly towards the said Company in all things according to your best judgement. SO HELP YOU GOD.

Oath of
Beadle.

THE OATH to be taken by the Beadle of the Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spinning of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London.

You shall sweare that you shall be good and true to our Sovereigne Lord the King of this Realme you shall be obedient to the Master Wardens and Assistants of the Company of the Art of Drawing and Flatting of Gould and Silver Wyre and makeing and Spining of Gould and Silver Thread and Stuffle in the City of London for the time being in all Lawfull Matters concerning your place and Office you shall faithfully warne to all Courts and meetings all and every person and persons as you shall be by them Appointed and Give true notice of their Answers (if you shall be thereunto required) without spareing any for fear favour or Affection Reward or hope of Gaine And as much as in you lieth you shall behave yourself well and orderly soe long as you shall continue in your Office of Beadle. SO HELP YOU GOD.

IN WITNESSE whereof Wee the said Lord Keeper and Lord Chief Justices of the Kings Bench and Comon Bench have hereunto subscribed our names and put our seals this Seventeenth day of October Anno Domini One thousand Seven Hundred. And in the twelfth Yeare of the Reigne of our Sovraigne Lord William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith.

N. WRIGHTE C.S., (L. S.)

J. HOLT, (L. S.)

GEO. TREYB. (L. S.)

BYE LAW FOR ENLARGING NUMBER OF APPRENTICES,

At a Court held at the Half Moon Tavern in Cheapside the twelfth day of November One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one The by law for enlarging the number of Apprentices that each member of the Court of Assistants of this Company was to have take and keep and by the last Court was ordered to be made was this day laid before the Court and the same being read and duly weighed and considered of by the Members present in full and open Court was unanimously approved of and allowed and confirmed as BY LAW of this Company AND ORDERED to be fairly entred in the Company's Book of Orders and likewise fairly ingrossed on vellum and which By Law is accordingly as follows :—

THE COMPANY OF WYREDRAWERS OF LONDON.

TO ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall or may concern

~~Whereas~~ their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary by their letters patent or Charter bearing date at Westminster the 16th day of June which was in the 5th year of their reign Incorporated the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers of their Cities of London and Westminster The Borough of Southwark and all other places within 30 miles distance from the said Cities or either of them by the name of the Master Wardens Assistants and Comonaltie of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Fflatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuff in their City of London And did amongst other things will and by those presents for them their heirs and successours GRANT that the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or any thirteen or more of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens to be one when and as often as it should seem needfull or expedient to Assemble themselves in their Hall or some other place to be by them provided and keep Courts as they should find convenient and there to make ordeyne Constitute appoint and sett down such reasonable acts orders ordinances and upon such pains penalties and Amerciaments in writing as to them or any 13 or more of them whereof the Master or one of the Wardens for the time being to be one should seem meet as also for and concerning the said trade Art and Mystery and the due practice thereof and for the Punishment and reformation of such abuses and deceits as should

be practised in the said trade Art and Mystery and also for the Good rule and Government of the Master Wardens Assistants and Comonaltie aforesaid and their successors And all and singular other persons using and exercising the said trade Art and Mystery or any part thereof within the Cities places and limits aforesaid in all matters and things touching or anywise concerning the same trade Art or Mystery and the same laws and ordinances or any of them to alter change and annull as the case should require And for declaration after what manner order and fform the said Master Wardens Assistants and Comonaltie and their Successors and every Member of their said Company should behave and demean him and themselves in the exercise of their said trade Art or Mystery and every part thereof for the Comon Good as well as of their own subjects as others that should have occasion to use the said Wares and for all other matters things and causes touching or in any ways concerning the said trade Art and Mystery or the professors or practicers thereof or of any part thereof.

AND WHEREAS after the Granting the said Letters patent vizt. on the nineteenth day of January One thousand Six hundred and Ninety nine in the eleventh year of the reign of his said late Majesty King William the Master Wardens and Court of Assistants of the said Company being duly assembled and met together at their Hall or place of Meeting in London Did by Virtue of and under the above recited power to them in such behalf Given by the said Letters patent at a full Court by them then and there held in London aforesaid devise make and reduce into writing certain good usefull and reasonable orders rules and ordinances Comonly called by laws for the Weall rule and good Government of the said Company Trades Arts and Mysteries and amongst other orders rules and ordinances It was ordained and ORDERED that from thenceforth it should not be lawfull for any person or persons of the said Company or using or exercising the said Art or trade of Drawing and Fflattig of Gold or Silver Wyre or Spinning or Making of Thread or Stuff to take or keep any more Apprentices than therein and thereafter is limited That is to say that no Member of the said Company or using the said trade Art or Mystery until he had been a Ffreeman of the City of London at least two years should be capable to take one Apprentice upon pain to fforfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sum of Ffive pounds of lawfull money of England AND also that no person free of the said Company or using or exercising the said trade Art or Mystery should take a Second Apprentice before his first Apprentice had served at least three years and a half of his time of his Apprenticeship to be accounted from the date of such Apprentices Indenture of Apprenticeship if such first Apprentice should continue in his service upon pain that every person who should take or keep a Second

Apprentice in less time than as aforesaid expressed should forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the sum of Ten pounds of Current Money of England And also that every member of this Company or using or exercising the said trade Art and Mystery who should take keep or have more than Two Apprentices at one time should forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company the full sum of forty shillings of lawfull money of England per month for each and every Apprentice during the time that any such person should have more than two Apprentices at one time. In default of payment of each or either the severall forfeitures and penalties in the ordinance therein expressed the same to be levied in such manner as therein is appointed as in and by the said in part recited Letters Patent or Charter Orders Rules and ordinances relation being thereunto respectively had may more fully appear.

AND WHEREAS at the time of devising and making the said orders Rules and ordinances the Members or Masters of the said Company were but few in number the said trade of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers being then not in so great use as for some years past they have been the end Intent and meaning of the said order Rule and ordinance for restraining and limiting the Number of Apprentices each member of the said Company should have and take or keep was to avoid the Inconveniences which several other trades to the Great Improvement of their Members suffered and underwent by being permitted to take an Unlimited Number of Apprentices and to preserve Good and Proper medium as to the number of Apprentices each Member of the said Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers should have take and keep soe that the youth put out to the said trade as Apprentices might after they had served a laborious Apprenticeship be able to live and support themselves and families as Journeymen in a comfortable manner as persons in such a situation of life might reasonably thinking expect or deserve without encroaching or imposing upon the Masters Members of the said Company for exorbitant wages (the bane and destruction of all arts trades and misteries) to the hurt and prejudice both of the Master in the said trade and the Subjects or Customers with them dealing or trading AND WHEREAS since the making of the said orders Rules and ordinances the Masters of the said Company are become more numerous and the use of or call in the said trade by the nobility and gentry is become much more great than notwithstanding the increase of the said Masters or Members of the said Company the present number of hands or journeymen in the said trade can properly do perform or execute and that chiefly and principally because a great many or most of the best hands of the journeymen in the said Trades Instead of making a just and proper use of the care and indulgence of the said Company

towards them by preserving the trade in a Good and proper medium for their living and support have taken a quite contrary course and by degrees from the time of making the said orders rules and ordinances to this present time have risen to such an Intollerable Insufferable and Insupportable height of self-sufficiency disobedience and misbehaviour towards the Masters Members of the said Company not in the least submitting to their Government, Management and direction as is a most Grievous and insupportable Imposition both on the Masters and Customers most unreasonably and without any just cause exorbitantly and insufferably exacting and demanding of the Masters Members of the said Company most unreasonable Wages loosing the time of their said Masters by frequent and almost continued rioting drunkenness debauchery combinations and confederacies together not only to the hurt and prejudice of themselves and their own ffamilies who ought to and might be comfortably maintained by them but likewise to the great oppression hurt and damage of their Masters Members of the said Company who pay them so that it is Impossible for the said Masters to get a reasonable Support by their business unless they in like manner raise their prices upon their Customers to the certain very great and unreasonable abuse of the Nobility and Gentry of the Nation and others employing them and undignably and contradictory to and evidently against the true intent and meaning of the said Letters Patent or Charter. AND WHEREAS many members of the said Company being Masters have at several Courts held on affairs of the said Company made complaint of the said abuses and grievances by and through the insufferable behaviour of Journeymen in the said trade and prayed to be relieved. AND thereupon the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company having taken due notice of the said Complaints and of the abuses committed by Journeymen and which are growing every day more insufferable And apprehending it to be their duty as far forth as in them lieth and they properly or lawfully may or can to take reasonable measures for the preventing the Subjects being imposed on by reason of such irregular practices and having duly deliberated upon and weighed and considered the said Complaints and the Grounds or causes of the same And being of their own knowledge satisfied that such complaints are reasonable and just and being unanimously of opinion that there is no readier more perfect or legal method or way to check controul or dissipate such unwarrantable unjust and illegal practices of the Journeymen in the said trade and that the necessity of the trade requires it than by making a new By Law for the enlarging the number of Apprentices as should be reasonable by which means the Hands in the said trade will be considerably increased and the Journeymen obliged thereby to lower their prices and likewise in generall to behave themselves in a more moderate just and decent manner towards their Masters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN that at a full Court held by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company of Gold and Silver Wyredrawers of London the twelfth day of November, in the second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain Ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the Ffaith &c. and in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one It is for the Weale rule and Good Government of the said Company trade Art and Mystery Ordered Ruled and Ordained that notwithstanding the before recited order Rule and ordinance or By Law or anything therein contained to the contrary It shall and may be lawfull now and from henceforth and untill the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the time being or the Greater part of them shall find it reasonable think fitt to order rule and ordain to the Contrary for the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers and each and every of them to have take and keep three Apprentices at one time and no more upon pain that every person that should do to the contrary in any particular shall fforfeit and pay to the Master Wardens and Assistants and Comonaltie of the said Company for every such offence such fine and sum of Money as the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the Major part of them in open Court shall think fitt to order the same not exceeding the sum of Twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain.

IN WITNESS whereof we the greater number of the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company have in full and open Court sett our hands the day and year last beforementioned.

GEO. VAUGHAN, *Master.*

JOSEPH ATKINSON,
STEPHEN CROUCH,
WM. DRACUTT,
BENJ. GOFFE, } *Wardens.*

ROBT. PITTER,
DANL. HOW,
JOHN WALLER,
HEWSON SCOTT,
THOS. DENNIS,
JAMES DENNIS,
HENRY QUESTED,
JOHN MACCARTNEY, } *Assistants.*
JOHN KERRY,
THOS. BROWN,
THOS. DEWIN,
BENJAMIN DEWIN,
GEORGE NAYLOR,
ADAM BELLINGER,
WM. STACKHOUSE,
THOS. COLLINS,

LIVERY GRANT.

TUESDAY, the 18th day of July,
1780, and in the Twentieth Year of
the Reign of King George the Third
of Great Britian, &c.

Kennett, Mayor.

Report of
 Committee ap-
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 sider Petition of
 the Company.

The Committee appointed the sixth day of June last to examine the Allegations of the Petition of the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Commonality of the Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre, and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in the City of London, did this day deliver into this Court a Report in writing under heir hands, which was read in these words :—

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR AND COURT
 OF ALDERMEN.

IN OBEDIENCE to an order of this Honourable Court of the sixth of June, We whose Names are hereunto subscribed being appointed (amongst others) to examine the Allegations of the Petition of the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Commonalty of the Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre, and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in the City of London, and to report our Opinions thereon to this Court; DO HUMBLY CERTIFY that We have accordingly met and examined into the Allegations of their said Petition, and do find: That their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary by Letters Patent of Incorporation dated at Westminster the 16th day of June in the 5th year of their Reign Did Will

Ordain Constitute and Grant that the Freemen of the said Trade Art and Mistery and all others that then did or that should thereafter exercise the said Trade Art and Mistery within the City's of London and Westminster the Borough of Southwark and all other places within Thirty Miles distance from the same should be from thenceforth for ever one Body Corporate and Politick in Deed, fact and name, by the Name of the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Commonality of the Art and Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in their City of London and them by the same Name one Body Politick and Corporate in Deed, fact and name, did fully and really erect, create, constitute, ordain, declare, make and establish by these presents and that by the same Name, they should have succession for ever, AND thereby granted to them divers powers, Immunities and privileges and particularly full power and authority by virtue of those presents to make, ordain, constitute and appoint and set down from time to time such reasonable Acts, Orders and Ordinances as should seem meet and necessary.

THAT in pursuance of such Authority the said Company made several Acts and Ordinances which were approved of and signed on the 17th day of October 1700 by the then Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England and the then two Chief Justices of the Court of King's Bench and Common Pleas agreeable to an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 19th year of his late Majesty King Henry the Seventh amongst which Acts and Ordinances for the better order, Rule and Government of the said Company and of the several Members thereof is one to the effect following (that is say) That if at any time thereafter it should or might happen that a Livery be granted to the said Company that then the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Society for the time being in a Court of Assistants assembled, or the greater part of them so assembled, should and might call elect, choose and admit into the Livery and Cloathing of the said Society such Person and Persons free of the said Company as they should think fitt and meet, and that all and every such person and persons so called and elected into the Livery or Cloathing of the said Society should pay a fine in that behalf, as in the said Ordinances mentioned together also with several other Acts and Ordinances relative to the Livery and Cloathing of the said Company.

THAT divers Members of the said Company are of considerable Substance and are able and willing to bear the Expence attending of a Livery having already subscribed thereto, and to contribute and assist on all public occasions to the Honor Dignity and Service of the City.

THAT the Petitioners humbly apprehended, that if a Livery was granted to the said Company it would be of great benefit and advantage thereto, and an Encouragement to a Valuable and

Extensive branch of the British Trade, as by means thereof, the persons, using and exercising the Art or Mystery of Drawing or Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffle would be more ready to take their freedom of the said Company and many Merchants Ware-housemen and other Traders, Exporters of Gold and Silver Lace although not makers thereof would become Members of the said Company, the same being upon a respectable Footing equal with the rest of their Fellow Citizens who are entitled to the benefit and privileges which by the Custom of this City can be enjoyed by the Liverymen only.

AND after duly considering thereof it does appear to us that the complying with the prayer of their petition will be beneficial to the said Company by encouraging and promoting the encrease of their Members and contribute to the Dignity and Service of this City, by enabling them to attend and assist on all publick occasions, WE are therefore of opinion that they should be created and made a Livery Company of this City and that the said Livery be granted unto them, under the Qualifications and Conditions following (that is to say) that their Livery fine be set at the sum of Fifteen pounds, Sterling to the Company five shillings to the Clerk and two shillings and six pence to the Beadle.

Opinion of
Committee.

Conditions.

Livery Fine.

Not exceed 100.

No person be
admitted to
Livery without
first producing
copy of City
Freedom.

Translation
from other
Company.

THAT the number on their Livery shall not at any time exceed one hundred. THAT they admit no Person to their Livery without such Person first produce the Copy of his Freedom of the City of London ; THAT they shall be subject to the several Orders of this Court respecting Livery Companies.

THAT no Member of any other Company who shall be upon the Cloathing thereof shall be called on the Livery of the said Company of the Art and Mystery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wyre and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffle, before he be translated from such other Company openly in this Court, according to the antient Custom of this City. THAT they be enjoined to a Constant Attendance upon the Lord Mayor for the time being upon all Public Occasions. THAT their Charter and Bye Laws shall be enrolled among the Records of this Court. AND that such of the present Members as shall be called upon to become Liverymen of the said Company shall respectively pay the admission fine of Fifteen Pounds for the use of the Company together with seven shillings and sixpence for the Clerks and Beadle's fees. ALL which We submit to this Honourable Court this eighteenth day of July 1780.

WATKIN LEWES,
THOS. WOOLDRIDGE,
THOS. WRIGHT,
EVAN PUGH.

WHICH was well liked and approved of and confirmed by this Court and ordered to be entered into the Reportory and in all things performed and it is further ordered that the Attornies of the Outer Court do take care that precepts be for the future sent to the said Company of the Art or Mistery of Drawing and Flatting of Gold and Silver Wire and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in the City of London upon all occasions as to the other Livery Companies of this City.

Approval of
Grant by Court
of Mayor and
Aldermen.

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